

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Merry Christmas

Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

As you read this, the Holiday Season is upon us in full glory. Last month, we celebrated Thanksgiving and reflected, in our souls, upon those people and blessings in our lives for which we are most grateful. Now as Christmas and the New Year approach, we are busy celebrating with family and friends and trying to show with gifts, presents, and deeds our appreciation that they are a part of our lives. We marvel at the joy and excitement in young children's eyes as they perceive the signs that Santa is coming. We feel the warmth of happiness in concert with our elders as they experience again the wonders of the Season. For all of its hustle and bustle, the Holiday Season can be a time for reflection and renewal. Let us reflect on the blessings that we have as residents of Indian Head Park. Let us renew our commitment to our families, our friends, and our faith. Let us renew our commitment to the caring, understanding, and fairness that are hallmarks of our united community.

Over the years, I have developed a tradition of reflection on Christmases past and recall the family gatherings and festivities I have had the good fortune to experience. This includes my memories, with some sadness, of those relatives and friends who made those past holidays special in some way but who have passed on to their eternal glory. As my first Christmas/New Year's approach as your mayor, I find myself reflecting on the matters that we have faced in the past several months and those that we will face in the new year. I recall first, Chief Pat Crowley who was taken from us much too soon. Yet, as that door closed a new one opened and Frank Alonzo became our Chief of Police and Administration. We finalized our budget and made provisions for cash flow as the revenues we normally expect were delayed by the logjam in Springfield. We had a busy summer with zoning matters which seemed momentous at the time but which were successfully resolved in accordance with the process and provisions and the fair exchange of ideas that are encompassed by our Zoning Code. As the snow flies and falls, the streets of Chestnut on the Green are now plowed by the Village. There were other accomplishments, some big, some small, but the Village has met these challenges and continues to move forward.

I expect the challenges of 2008 to be new and different and of varying degrees of difficulty. I look forward to meeting

them with the confidence that comes from your support and the assistance of the Village Board and Administration. Let me share some goals that we have as your elected officials for the coming year (in no particular order of importance).

We will rehab and make improvements at the Heritage Center as was detailed in last month's Smoke Signals.

We will make improvements at Arrowhead Memorial Point. The parking lot at the Village Hall needs resurfacing and will be addressed. We will begin to make plans for a Village-wide celebration of our 50th anniversary since incorporation which will occur in 2009. The development of the Mazur and Pape properties will be pursued to enhance our community and provide new sources of additional revenue. And the list goes on.

Remember those who are needy or in poor health and help in any way you can. Finally, please remember our Nation's sons and daughters in the Armed Forces who will of necessity be away from home this year! Ask that they be blessed with peace and safety and be returned home to us before the New Year is out!

So, as we enjoy the Holiday Season, on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees and the Village Administration, I want to wish each of you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!** May Peace and Joy fill your entire Holiday Season! May the spirit of Christmas touch us all and enrich our community so that we can proclaim, in the words of Charles Dickens, "**I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year!**" (*A Christmas Carol*).

Thanking you again for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your mayor, I remain

Sincerely, Richard S. Andrews

P.s. I am pleased to relate to you news of the newest addition to Indian Head Park and congratulate Public Works Superintendent **Ed Santen** and his wife **Tanja** on the birth of their daughter **Katarina Ann**! Also, congratulations to part-time police officer **Ron Tomasik** and his wife **Sue** who recently celebrated the birth of their son **Dillon Patrick**. Special thanks to all who helped to make the Village sponsored Halloween party a success including Frank Alonzo and the police department, Superintendent Ed Santen and public works staff, John Murray for donating decorations and

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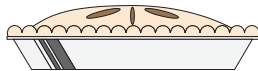
games, all Administration staff, Matt, Cathy and Hope Walsh, Diane Andrews, Jonathan Andrews, Erica Andrews and her friend Mike Hearn and Trustee Carol Coleman. A special thanks to Mary Crowley who coordinated the event from ordering the candy and prizes and for decorating the room and arranging the games.

Indian Head Park Woman's Club

The Indian Head Park Woman's Club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at the Village Hall, at 201 Acacia Drive beginning at 6:45 p.m. After the meeting, Karen Brown, Director of Special Education Services will speak about the launching of a green house project involving special education students at Lyons Township High School and the IHPWC's participation in that project.

We will also play the L-C-R (left, center, right) game so bring \$3.00 in dimes. It will be a very entertaining evening and guests are always welcome. For further information, please call Adrienne at (708) 246-8730.

Support Dignified Disabilities Group and Acacia Academy



Don't forget Bakers Square pies for your holiday dinners! Dignified Disabilities Group and Acacia Academy are sponsoring a fundraiser with Bakers Square. Baker's Square pie certificates are being sold for \$11.00 each. A certificate is redeemable for one of these popular pies, Country Apple, Banana Cream, Brownie, Blueberry, Cherry, Coconut Cream, French Apple, French Silk, Lemon Supreme, Custard, Pecan, Pumpkin, Raspberry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Triple Berry or Lemon Meringue. All profits will be given to the Acacia Academy to help fund the Dignified Disabilities Group landscaping projects. Order your certificates today for your holiday dinners!! If you wish to purchase pie certificates, please contact Debbie Church at (708) 579-1914.

Smoke Signals

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Smoke Signals is published by the Village of Indian Head Park to inform its residents of present activities in the village and the ever-growing plans for the future in the pursuit of better government and good citizenship.

Teepee Topics news items should be submitted to the Newsletter Coordinator at the Municipal Offices.

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Deadline date for the next issue is January 14, 2008.

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Police Department Briefing.....

Neat Repeats Resale, located at 9020 W. 159th Street in Orland Park and 7026 W. 111th in Worth, is a non-profit community organization dedicated to assisting individuals and families affected by domestic violence through volunteer staff efforts. A wide variety of women's and children's clothing, toys and books, antiques and collectibles, household items, small furniture, giftware and jewelry are available for sale with all of the proceeds benefitting the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. Neat Repeats Resale provides needed items, free of charge, to women and children served by the Crisis Center. Donations of new and used items in clean condition are accepted. Your purchases and donations make a difference in the lives of women and children. Your generosity enables the Crisis Center to provide comprehensive domestic violence services, free of charge, to victims of domestic violence. For further details regarding this organization, please call (708) 364-7605 (Orland Park location) or (708) 361-6860 (Worth location). Neat Repeats Resale Website is: www.crisisctr.org.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, January 3, 2008

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:

No meeting scheduled at this time.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

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Students in the News.....

We applaud all of the students from Indian Head Park on their academic achievements and congratulations to all of you:

LaGrange Highlands Middle School - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll at LaGrange Highlands Middle School: Brendan Blaber, Clare Bohne, Kimberly Campbell, Donovan Corcoran, Alexandra Daemicke, Caroline Dost, Richard Golz, Nicole Hladik, Sebastian Hoak, Jennifer Kim, William Koziel, Christine Schied, Allison Stuck, Kelly Wang, Thomas Brannen, Gregory DeNuccio, Hector Godinez, Lauren Gronke, Martin Hasler, Ryan Johnson, Adam Conrath, Austin Goetz, John Harlow, Tayler Hayes, Leslie Hernandez, Justin Hinshaw, Katelyn Marino, Liesel Metz, Thaddeus Rogozinski, Na-On Weeraklaew, Jacob Wittenberg, Christina Yelnick, Dominica Bendyk, Zachary Carlson, Austin Caron, Michael Cyz, Matthew Janowiak, Jeffrey MacDonald, Stephanie MacDonald, Annie Ritz, Rocco Stefanini, Egle Visgintas, Kelsey Wilp, Eric Blaber, Kaitlyn Fehrman, Mary Gronke, Joseph Mayer, Francis Nix, Zachary Prinz, Dustin Warf, Robert Watkins, Hillary Brannen, Paige Costelloe, Stephanie Countryman, Joseph Drummond, Tyler Giacomelli, Emilio Godinez, Kyle Williams.

Pleasantdale School District 107 - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll at Pleasantdale School District 107: Cooper Hardy, Jamie Duncan, Zorana Telebak, Alexis Gutierrez, Guinevere Nueva Espana, Jade Epting, Mae Sophie, Alec Buti, William Bailey and Eric Buti.

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy: Nora O'Connell, Anthony Bartucci, Michael Reynolds, Rourke McCollom, Joseph Pellegrino and Colleen McCollom.

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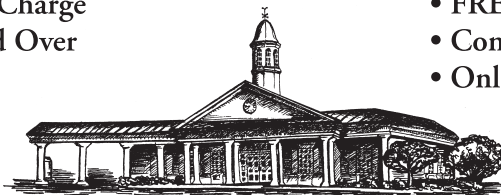
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TEEPEE TOPICS

Congratulations to Charles Edward and Rita M. Weibust, residents of Indian Head Park, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in August of 2007. They renewed their vows with the presence of Father Deus.

Duplicate Bridge Games in Indian Head Park, on-going and year round. Director: Kanti Chandarana, M.D., will be hosting the bridge games at his home in Indian Head Park. Non-ACBL sanctioned games. Every Monday and Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. For further details or to participate, please contact Dr. Chandarana at (708) 246-2468 or by e-mail at kantichandarana@yahoo.com

Do you play bridge? The Lyonsville Bridge Group is looking for bridge players to join its monthly party bridge sessions. Starting its 15th year, the group meets at the Lyonsville Congregational Church at 6971 Joliet Road in Indian Head Park on the second Monday of each month from September through May. For further details, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293.

The Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library located at 6250 South Wolf Road is open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Please note the library will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays during holidays. If you wish to make a donation of books to the Heritage Center, please contact the Village Offices at (708) 246-3137.

Our condolence to the families and friends of those who passed away: Lorraine Hardt, a resident of Indian Head Park who was an author, writer and journalist. She published her first book "How to Write Greeting Cards" in 1968. Lorraine was also the women's editor of the Sun Newspaper in LaGrange for many years. Edward P. Krupowicz, age 56, who was a sales representative for CarMax of Oak Lawn.

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